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TO: Chairman Sinrud and Members of the House Appropriations Committee

FROM: Del Lonnquist, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

RE: Support of HB 302, Unclaimed lottery funds to fund affordable housing account

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for the record my name is Del Lonnquist, volunteer advocate for AARP Montana. AARP is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to bettering the lives of people 50 and over.

AARP Montana supports HB 302 as a source of revenue generated for the Housing Montana Fund, expanded in LC 615. AARP understands the importance of investing in appropriate and affordable housing. According to a report done by the Commission on Affordable Housing, the nation's affordable housing inventory is diminishing as the demand increases. Communities are losing diverse and affordable housing that is essential to meet the needs of all residents. The problem is especially acute for older residents with modest income sources.

Please support making new winners for the unclaimed lottery money in Montana and pass HB 302.